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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—Year B

March 24, 2024

*Serving the Church to make Jesus Christ known and loved*

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**WEDDINGS:** Contact the Pastor six months before your wedding date.

**BAPTISMS:** Contact the Pastor to arrange for class time and date.

**CONFESSIONS:** 30 minutes before Sat. and Sun. Masses; 15 minutes before weekday Masses. Confessions also available by appointment.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**  
 Call the Parish Office to register:  
 OLMC-Tilden: 402.368.7710  
 SFA-Neligh: 402.887.4521

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Mon 25 Mar	5:30 pm (N)	No Mass
Tues 26 Mar	9:00 am (T)	No Mass
Wed 27 Mar	8:30 am (N)	Dolly Baker +
	9:30 am (W)	Dianne Ahlers +
Holy Thur 28 Mar	6:30 pm (N)	John & Margaret Koenig +
Good Fri 29 Mar	3:00 pm (T)	No Intention
Easter Vigil		
Sat 30 Mar	8:45 pm (N)	Parishioners of St. Francis & OLMC
Easter		
Sun 31 Mar	8:00 am (T)	Sam & Rose Schaecher & Family
	10:00 am (N)	Living & Deceased Members of the Tunink & Jessen Families



(N) Neligh | (T) Tilden | (W) Willows | (AC) Arbor Care | (PJ) Pope John

MASS TIMES SFA-Neligh	Holy Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm	Easter Vigil Saturday March 30, 8:45 pm	Easter Sunday March 31, 10:00 am
EMHC's	Del & Susie Ames	Dale Kallhoff, Kathy Sauser	Jim & Kathy Koenig Marian Shabram, Bill Kuester
LECTOR	Mallory Belitz	Susie Ames, Mark Ervin	Sheila Parks
SERVERS	Bode Koinzan, Wyatt Koinzan	Charlie Carothers Carter Carothers	Ashley Caballero-Lazaro Gracelyn Wiebelhaus Gabriela Parra
USHERS		Chad Shabram Dale Kallhoff	Jack Sehi Duane Knievel Tim Woslager Trent Hoefler

MASS TIMES OLMC-Tilden	Ushers	Lector	EMHC *Precious Blood	Servers	Money Counters
Good Friday March 29, 3:00 pm	Volunteers	Jolene Schapmann Ruth Miller	Rose Schaecher	Landon Meyer Layton Meyer	
Easter Sunday March 31, 8:00 am	Keith Meyer Ron Koch	Rosemary Patras	Walt Patras	Nate Decker Evan Decker	Mary Rautenberg Emily Vaughn

*Greetings from Fr. Pat*

**Holy Week**

As we enter this holy time of the year, please know of my prayers for the parishioners of St. Francis and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Please consider attending Holy Week Triduum liturgies:

- Thursday, March 28, **“Lord’s Supper”** 6:30pm (N)
- Friday, March 29, **“Good Friday”** 3:00pm (T)
- Saturday, March 30, **“Easter Vigil”** 8:45pm (N)
- Sunday, March 31, **“Easter”** 8:00am (T), 10:00am (N)



May you have a blessed Holy Week!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

St. Junipero Serra pray for us!



**Psalm 51**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion  
wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.  
For I acknowledge my offense,  
and my sin is before me always:  
“Against you only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight.”  
A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your  
praise.

**PALM SUNDAY**



The tradition of veiling religious images is often practiced during the last two weeks of Lent, starting on the Fifth Sunday and ending on Good Friday. This two-week time period was known on the old liturgical calendar as “Passiontide.” Even though it is no longer officially called by this name, the tradition is still practiced in many places.

The holy images are again revealed for Easter to mark the end of the penitential season. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront.

The old custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover these sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are reminded of all that Christ has won for us.

Temporarily veiling the crosses and religious images in the penitential color of Lent is a beautiful custom that helps us to reflect on the deeper theological meaning of the liturgical season.

Adapted from “Veiling the Cross: A Passiontide Tradition” – The Catholic Company,

**St. Francis of Assisi families responsible for cleaning the church in April**

- Mar 30** Van Jacobsen, Loren Grosserode, Sandra Christensen
- Apr 4** Dan Murray, Del Ames, Brad Higgins
- Apr 12** Diana Knust, Ron Gilg, Carol Anderson
- Apr 18** Leann Frey, Steven Simonsen, Rich Eilers

**Women of the parish.** Thank you for all the help with funeral dinners. We have pans, bowls and lids accumulating in the church kitchen. Those having names are: RVJ, M Carothers, Elder, G Wortman, CK, T Shabram, Sehi, J Kallhoff, K Sehi, Luna, Strom, P Borer, Joan Sehi, J Funk. There are many tupperware and plastic bowls with lids unmarked. Please pick up by April 7. Thank You for all you do for our Parish.

Welcome. If you are attending Mass regularly at St. Francis we welcome you and invite you to register into the parish by calling (402-887-4521) or stopping in at the office and asking for a registration form. This includes recent college grads who moved back, people new to the area and newly married couples.

Prairie View Assisted living needs **VOLUNTEERS** to deliver meals on wheels 1 day a week. If you can help please call 402-368-2250.



**Religious Education  
Mar 27, 2024**

**Grades K-12 No Classes—Holy Week**

*Sun /Holy Day & Other Collections  
March 17, 2024*

SFA-Neligh	OLMC--Tilden
*Weekly offering	*Weekly offering
Needed: \$2,846.57	Needed: \$1,137.25
<b>Regular Coll.</b> \$2,676.00	<b>Regular Coll.</b> \$1,099.00
Pope John \$565.00	Easter Flowers \$50.00
CRS coll. \$50.00	
Bld. Fund \$685.00	

*God bless you for your generosity!*

\*This amount reflects weekly giving over 51 weeks. It anticipates other amounts collected, for example, for Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, and other parish donations will be at certain or close to budgeted amounts in addition to this weekly giving amount.



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**The Knights of Columbus will hold their 43rd Annual Ham and Beef Dinner, Sunday, April 7 at the Neligh Legion club. (Dine in or Carry Out). From 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**



Pray for babies born alive after an abortion, that they may be blessed by the presence of a person who will care for them.



**SFA -Neligh**

- Rosary** every Tue, 10 am in Church, Everyone welcome.
- Knights of Columbus:** 1st Tues, 8:00 pm
- Rosary Sodality:** 2nd Tue, 6:00 pm
- Parish/Finance Council:** April 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm

**OLMC-Tilden**

- Knights of Columbus** (see Neligh)
- Catholic Women meet :** 1st Tues 9:30 am every 3 months, Mar, June, Sept, Dec.
- Parish/Finance Council:** TBD

**ASK FOR A PRAYER**



Please call Susie Ames (402-929-0038), Milly Clemens (649-3194) or the parish office (887-4521) to add names to the prayer list. The below lists are those in need of prayers or continuing prayers. Most recent prayer requests will be included as part of the petitions during weekend masses for three weeks or as long as requested. Thank you for praying for those in need.

*Please remember to pray for: St. Francis-Neligh*

Adam Kester, Roger Allen, Charles VanErt, Christian Manchester, Larry Luettel, Regina Krebs, Matt Belitz, Steven Schrunk, Mark Komisky, Justin Peterson, Mary Francis Arens, Vickie Ternus, Patrick Musilek, Angela Hardisty, Dean Borer, Betty Latham, Laurie Zavodsky, Richard Huffman, Peg Kuester, Jon Veik, Ella Borer, Cody Hoefler, Liz Baker Lyons, Pat VanErt, Family of Norma Caskey.

*Please remember to pray for: OLMC-Tilden*

Adam Kester, Laura Rutjens, Graham Sayers, Robb Paulk, Gary Inlow, Lynda Swanson, David Rutjens, Boyd Batenhorst, Julie Krueger, Todd DeGroot, Pat Magwire, Nate Thiele, Mark Harlan, Brett Kielty.

**Announcements**

**March 27 - 31, 2024**

**St. Benedict Center, Schuyler** “On the Third Day He Rose Again.” (Apostolic Creed) March 27 – 31, retreat at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Father Anastasius Reiser, OSB, Father Adam Patras, OSB, and Brother Tobias Dammert, OSB. We invite you to join the Benedictine monks of Christ the King Priory near Schuyler in their prayer and worship during the ‘Three Holy Days.’ Times of silence, meditation and talks will help us to focus on the mystery of Christ’s passion and resurrection and how it informs and forms our lives. This retreat is from Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, after brunch. Register now by calling (402) 352-8819.

Our next meeting of the **Rural Central Deanery (RCD)** of the Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) will be on **Tuesday, April 9** in the basement of St. Michael's Church at 524 W. Church St., Albion. Registration will start at 1:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 1:30. We will discuss plans for the OACCW convention in September. Each of our parishes will have a part in hosting the convention which will be held in Norfolk. We will also discuss nominations for the Mullen Award and our RCD scholarship winner and we will elect 2 new Board Members.



JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

THE BIBLE AND THE MASS

From St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, OH

Bible Study next session will be held Tuesday, March 26. This Study will go through Lent, so perhaps it could be part of a Lenten observance. Please contact Bev Hartz (402-929-0442), Susie Ames (402-929-0038) or Kathy Sauser (402-887-5324). Even if you missed the prior sessions, you still are welcome to attend.

**Holy Week Mass Schedule**

**Holy Thursday March 28**  
 6:30 pm—Neligh  
 7:00 pm—Clearwater  
 7:00 pm—Raeville

**Good Friday March 29**  
 3:00 pm—Deloit  
 3:00 pm—Tilden  
 7:00 pm—Ewing  
 7:00 pm—Petersburg

**Easter Vigil March 30**  
 8:30 pm—Elgin  
 8:45 pm—Neligh

**Easter Sunday March 31**

Please note that Easter Sunday deviates from the normal “rotating” schedule.

8:00 am—Ewing  
 8:00 am—Petersburg  
 8:00 am—Tilden  
 10:00 am—Clearwater  
 10:00 am—Elgin  
 10:00 am—Neligh  
 11:30 am—Deloit  
 11:30 am—Raeville



**Safe Environment**

A safe environment for children and youth throughout the Archdiocese, and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Francis parishes, is very important. For more information, the Safe Environment policies and guidelines of the Archdiocese can be found at <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/>  
 Any questions, please let me know. Fr. Pat



If anyone has a news item for the parish Facebook page, please contact Jenny Higgins, 402-929-3160, Roxanne McNally 402-929-0152, or the parish office.

**Visit parish website:** [www.olmctilden.org](http://www.olmctilden.org) or [www.stfranciscc.org](http://www.stfranciscc.org) for weekly bulletins, Mass times, liturgical ministers and religious education schedules, Parish & Finance Council news, parish women’s organizations, Knights of Columbus events, web links, events & announcements, and more. For SFA parish hall rentals and events call the parish office. For OLMC call Mary Rautenberg at 402-368-2231. For OLMC maintenance call Stan Schapmann 402-368-5906. SFA call Steve Kuester 402-928-0411 or Mike Seier.